

## News from

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## Kind Headed to Alabama for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights March

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) is joining a bipartisan Congressional delegation led by civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) on a pilgrimage to historic sites of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama, March 4-6. Following visits to Birmingham and Montgomery, the pilgrimage will culminate in Selma on March 6th at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the site of the violent attack on voting rights demonstrators known as "Bloody Sunday," with a commemoration of the Voting Rights March of 1965.

"It was not long ago that the battle for freedom was being waged right here on American soil," stated Kind. "We must never forget that freedom as we know it today in this country is due to the courageous acts of the civil rights crusaders who marched forty years ago."

The pilgrimage, the seventh organized by The Faith & Politics Institute, invites members of Congress to come together across racial, party, and religious lines for a unique journey of experiential learning to historic sites in Alabama. The three-day passage through living history dramatizes the powerful role that faith and spiritual qualities of conscience, courage and compassion played in shaping our nation's history.

To date, 65 U.S. Representatives and 11 U.S. Senators have participated in the pilgrimage, deepening their understanding of a crucial chapter in our nation's history. Rep. Kind is among the 38 members of Congress making the pilgrimage this weekend.